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Dear Colleague:

The freedom of scientists is under attack today in various parts of the world. Despite the many successes of our organization and its supporters, the position of many of our colleagues remains precarious. Scientists who apply to emigrate from the Soviet Union or speak out in defense of human rights in that country are dismissed from their jobs and prevented from engaging in normal scientific activity. In addition they suffer personal harassment including arbitrary arrest and imprisonment. Similar situations exist in countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.

You have expressed your concern for colleagues denied fundamental rights in many ways. When appropriate, you have responded to our urgent appeals for direct action to aid individuals in great danger. In the past you have also given us financial assistance.

As you know, our financial support comes exclusively from private voluntary contributions of our members and friends. Escalating costs, however, have forced us to cut back on many of our essential projects just when they are needed most. For example, publication of our widely acclaimed newsletter Current was suspended in 1977. If the Committee is to continue and intensify its vital efforts, a minimum contribution of \$15 is needed from all those who share our aims. We have therefore established a dues structure with \$15 as the basic membership fee. This increased income will permit us to continue our work on behalf of persecuted colleagues and to resume our publication program for members.

Over the past year we have led a variety of efforts.

- We have continued to organize unofficial international scientific meetings in the USSR to help refusenik and dissident colleagues keep abreast of research developments. The significance of these unique sessions cannot be overestimated.
- CCS has been working closely with the Congress and the administration in an attempt to insure that scientific exchange programs result in a truly free interchange of people and ideas. Congressional committees have frequently turned to us to provide expert guidance on these issues.
- Professor Benjamin Levich, Professor Mark Azbel and countless other scientists were permitted to emigrate largely as a result of efforts stimulated and coordinated by CCS. Other

scientists in Latin America, Asia and Africa were released from prison following campaigns on their behalf by our Committee.

- After last summer's trials of Shcharansky and Orlov, CCS led the scientific community into action on behalf of these brave colleagues.
- We are cosponsoring an international congress on the human rights situation in Argentina. Earlier this year we helped organize a boycott of the International Cancer Congress in Argentina and provided public relations assistance to the "Counter-Congress" held in Paris.
- We continue to document abuses of scientific and human rights around the world. This information together with advice on aiding persecuted colleagues is provided to interested individuals and scientific societies.

Despite our financial straits we have accomplished this and much more. However our ability to make further strides for the freedom of scientists depends upon your financial support. Much remains to be done. Please give as generously as you can.

We are certain that you will be proud to be a member of the Committee of Concerned Scientists. Both membership dues and contributions are tax-deductible.

Max Gottesman

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Sincerely,

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